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In re Appln of: Valade, Jr., et al.

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Title: SECURITY TAG HAVING A LINEAR CLAMP

July 27, 2004

Mail Stop Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
P. O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

STATUS INQUIRY

Sir:

In reviewing our records, we note that the above-identified application was filed on July 2, 2003 and, to date, the application is still awaiting substantive action. Please advise the status of the application and when Applicants can anticipate action thereon.

Respectfully submitted,

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